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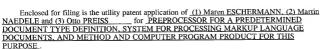
## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



[ ] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application NOT BE

	<u>PUBLISHED</u> under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.K. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.					
[]	$Applicant(s)\ suggest(s)\ Figure\ \_\ for\ inclusion\ on\ the\ front\ page\ of\ the\ patent\ application\ publication\ and\ patent.$					
Also	enclosed are:					
[X]	_1 sheet(s) of [X] formal [ ] informal drawing(s);					
[X]	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [X] hereby made to <u>Appln. No. 01810161.8</u> filed in <u>Europe</u> on <u>February 16, 2001</u> ;					
	[X] in the declaration;					
[X]	a certified copy of the priority document;					
[]	a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;					
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[X]	an Information Disclosure Statement;					
[]	a patent application data sheet; and					
[X]	Other: Preliminary Amendment: U.S. Format Specification (without claims) (Substitute Specification); CompareRite® Specification (without claims).					
[X]	An [X] executed [ ] unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)					
	[X] also is enclosed [ ] will follow.					
[]	Small entity status is hereby clained.					
[]	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:					
	This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to _					



filed in \_ on \_; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by

[X] The filing fee has been calculated as follows [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS							
	No. Of CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE		
Basic Application Fee	\$740.00 (101)						
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20 =	7	× \$18.00 (103) =	126.00		
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (102) =	00.00		
If multiple dependent cl	00.00						
Total Application Fee	866.00						
If small entity status is	00.00						
Add Assignment Recor	40.00						
TOTAL APPLICATION	906.00						

- [ ] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 906.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- [ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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